

AMENDED IN SENATE APRIL 6, 2015

SENATE BILL

No. 718

Introduced by Senator *Senators Leno and Hancock*

February 27, 2015

~~An act to amend Section 1 of the Fish and Game Code, relating to fish and wildlife. An act to add Section 8670.48.4 to the Government Code, relating to fish and wildlife, and making an appropriation therefor.~~

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 718, as amended, Leno. ~~Fish and Game Code: name change. Hazardous Materials Response and Restoration Subaccount.~~

Existing law establishes the Oil Spill Response Trust Fund, a continuously appropriated fund, for, among other purposes, providing funds to rescue, treat, rehabilitate, and dispose wildlife injured by an oil spill. Existing law establishes the Hazardous Materials Response and Restoration Subaccount, a continuously appropriated subaccount in the Fish and Wildlife Pollution Account in the Fish and Game Preservation Fund, for, among other purposes, the protection, preservation, and restoration of fish and wildlife impacted by discharges of hazardous materials into the environment of the state.

This bill would authorize the administrator for oil spill response to loan moneys from the Oil Spill Response Trust Fund to the Hazardous Materials Response and Restoration Subaccount in an amount, not to exceed \$500,000 annually, necessary to reimburse wildlife rehabilitation centers for expenses incurred by rescue and rehabilitation stations for wildlife injured by nonoil spill-related events, thereby making an appropriation. The bill would require the administrator to notify the Joint Legislative Budget Committee of the loan.

Existing law establishes the Fish and Game Code.

~~This bill would rename the Fish and Game Code as the Fish and Wildlife Code and would require that any reference to the Fish and Game Code in that code or any other code means the Fish and Wildlife Code.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: ~~no~~ yes. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~ yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 8670.48.4 is added to the Government
2 Code, to read:

3 8670.48.4. (a) (1) At the discretion of the administrator,
4 moneys may be loaned from the fund to the Hazardous Materials
5 Response and Restoration Subaccount, created pursuant to Section
6 13010 of the Fish and Game Code, in an amount, not to exceed
7 five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) annually, that is
8 necessary to reimburse wildlife rehabilitation centers for expenses
9 incurred by rescue and rehabilitation stations for wildlife injured
10 by nonoil spill-related events.

11 (2) The administrator shall notify the Joint Legislative Budget
12 Committee of any loans made pursuant to paragraph (1) at the
13 time of the loan.

14 (b) A loan made pursuant to paragraph (1) of subdivision (a)
15 shall be repaid, with interest at the rate earned by the Pooled
16 Money Investment Account at the time of the loan, upon
17 appropriation by the Legislature, from either of the following:

18 (1) Moneys recovered from a party responsible for the nonoil
19 spill-related event.

20 (2) If no responsible party is found, the General Fund.

21 ~~SECTION 1. Section 1 of the Fish and Game Code is amended~~
22 ~~to read:~~

23 ~~1. This code shall be known as the Fish and Wildlife Code.~~
24 ~~Any reference to the Fish and Game Code in this or any other code~~
25 ~~means the Fish and Wildlife Code.~~